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1. RESPONDING TO THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COURTS REFUSAL TO GRANT THE PARTY FREE ACCESS TO THE MEDIA DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN, THE MDB HELD A TUMULTUOUS CONVENTION WHICH LASTED WAY INTO THE NIGHT AND DECIDED TO CONTINUE ITS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. IT IS STILL UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHAT THE PARTY WILL DO ON ELECTION DAY. THE MODERATE POSITION THAT THE OPPOSITION CANDIDATES WILL STAND FOR ELECTION ON JANUARY 15 OBTAINED A MAJORITY IN THE CONVENTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE "AUTENTICOS" HAVE SAID THEY WILL ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THE 15TH. THE MDB THUS MAY BE FACED WITH THE POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING SITUATION OF A SIZEABLE PORTION OF THE PARTY ABSTAINING FROM VOTING FOR THE PARTY'S STADARDBEARERS IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE. TO AVOID THIS, ULYSSES GUIMARAES AND BARBOSA LIMA SOBRINHO MAY WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDACIES AT THE LAST MOMENT.

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2. IN SPITE OF THE ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON THE COURSE TO BE

FOLLOWED IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE WHICH HAS LED TO COMMENTS
THAT THE PARTY IS MORE DIVIDED THAN EVER, THE MDB IS UNITED
IN AGREEING THAT THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL
IN PUBLICIZING THE PARTY'S PLATFORM. OBSERVERS ARE ALREADY
BEGINNING TO SPECULATE THAT THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN MAY
CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARTY'S INCREASING ITS CONGRESSIONAL
REPRESENTATION IN THE 1974 ELECTIONS.
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